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Bicentennial Activities

by Steve Polaschik

The new heading above this news item will be a familiar one for readers in the coming months. The design for the official Greenbelt Bicentennial logo was drafted by Committee Member, Bill Aleshire.

The Committee has been active locally and in the Congress of Bicentennial Commissions, which has representatives from the Washington Metropolitan area. The most pressing assignment is formulating plans for the first formal Bicentennial activity, Greenbelt Day, to be held on Sunday, June 1, 1975. In addition to commemoration activities, band and choral concerts, special religious services, ethnic dinners, municipal facilities' open house, and a preceding dance are now on the planning charts.

The Chairman of the Committee met with the Greenbelt Baptist Church Council, at its invitation, to explain the current proposals and to help it chart its objectives for the Bicentennial observances.

Some Greenbelt organizations have sent in their histories for inclusion in the Bicentennial history project, but all others are encouraged to complete this part of the committee's work. Similarly, the committee is hoping that all Greenbelt organizations will submit special programs for Council approval and recognition as official Greenbelt Bicentennial activities. The United States Conference of Mayors' motto is appropriate in asking for participation: "You Can't Buy a Bicentennial."

Committee members Nancy Spong and Dr. Dave Stern are working out the details of possible contests for furnishing Greenbelt with a City March and a City Anthem to be played and sung at various activities during the Bicentennial and after.

The Committee approved a Greenbelt Junior High School project proposed by Ed Wegus to construct a model of Greenbelt as it was planned in 1937.

Greg Gardes and Bill Wheatley of Boy Scout Troop 1746 outlined their plans to help improve the Indian Springs site as the troop's contribution to the Bi-centennial. City Manager Jim Giese will help coordinate their efforts with the City's.

Through Committee Member Bill Aleshire's efforts the Turner Cemetery Historic Marker is nearing reality; the text has been sent to the manufacturer after the Methodist Churches of Prince George's County underwrote its financing.

Sign Waiver Approved For Beltway Plaza

The county council sitting as the district council on January 13 approved a sign waiver for Beltway Plaza, but with conditions attached so as to have the proposed variable message sign conform with existing ordinance. At question was whether or not the proposed sign was a flashing, blinking, or varying intensity of illumination sign.

The applicant for the sign waiver, Sidney J. Brown, contended that under his proposal, the message on the sign would change one word at a time at a 3 second interval (as opposed to a continuous traveling message), similar to the revolving time and temperature signs atop bank buildings. Others characterize the sign more like that of the University of Maryland scoreboard.

The county council members apparently were also influenced by the plea of the developer that his was a hardship case in that Beltway Plaza was having difficulties in making the public aware of the different shops in the mall.

Voting for the waiver were Francis Francois, Darlene White, Francis White, David Hartlove, Sarah Koonce, William Amonett. Against were Samuel Bogley, Frank Casula, Parris Glendinning and Floyd Wilson (Gerard Amonett was absent).

Local Crime Decreases

Greenbelt was the only local jurisdiction to show a drop in its crime rate during the first 9 months of 1974, according to statistics put out by the Council of Governments. The drop in reported offenses from a comparable period in 1973 was 5.0 percent in Greenbelt, compared with an increase of 18.5 percent in all suburban areas.

The increases in reported offenses for other nearby communities were Hyattsville, 20%; Laurel, 20%; and Takoma Park, 24%. The increase in Prince Georges County was 20%.

In Greenbelt, however, there was an increase reported in motor vehicle thefts, but this increase was offset by decreases in burglaries and larceny thefts.

Federal Community Funds A Possibility For City

A city council-Greenbelt Homes, Inc. working group will be set up to investigate the benefits that Greenbelt might get from the new Federal Housing and Community Development Act. At a special January 15 meeting of the two bodies convened by Mayor Richard Pilski, city council and GHI board members agreed that the potentialities under the new law need to be pursued.

This measure is designed to provide financial assistance to local governments and municipalities in, among other things, upgrading their services and facilities, especially in the housing area. The law is quite complex and it was agreed that the first order of business was to determine if and how Greenbelt could qualify, the kinds and forms of assistance available, and the conditions that might be attached.

Mayor Pilski thought that Greenbelt might receive special consideration because, as one of the original planned communities, it was the first partaker of Federal housing funds. As one observer put it, it would be as if Greenbelt were "renewing its option."

Pilski also suggested that important considerations might be the active role that Greenbelt is playing in the Bicentennial celebration and the fact that GHI is in the process of remodeling its heating plants.

There was general recognition, however, that in view of the limited funds that would be available to cities in Greenbelt's category and the status of projects that might be considered for these funds, the utilization of funds in the first year was not likely.

Subsequently, at the January 20 meeting of city council, the mayor was authorized to sign a cooperation agreement with the county allowing the latter to count the city's population in with the county's for purposes of grant distribution. During the period of the one-year agreement, the city cannot seek community development funds on its own.

In the meantime, the city suggested that the county staff undertake a study of the original housing of Greenbelt, in order to determine where there are any areas in which the city might benefit from the funding grants of the Community Development Act, especially with respect to improvements that might result in energy conservation.

Twin Pines Holds Meeting on Bylaws

Twin Pines Savings & Loan Association will hold a special membership meeting on Tuesday, January 28 at 8 p.m. in the city council chambers.

Members will be asked to consider and act upon a revised set of Bylaws for the Association and Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation. These documents have already been approved by the Board of Directors and have been found acceptable by the appropriate state regulatory authorities. Approval of the Bylaws requires a simple majority of those members voting either by person or by proxy. However, approval of the Articles of Amendment re-

NEW MEETING TIME

Meetings of the board of directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. will hereafter begin at 8 p.m. instead of 7:45 p.m. Tonight's (Thursday's) meeting will be the first affected.

BELTWAY PLAZA ENDORSEMENT

"Detente" Not an Easy Path In Municipal Affairs Also

by Al Skolnik

Beltway Plaza developer Sidney J. Brown's penchant for writing abrasive letters almost scotched the new "era of cooperation" between him and the city council before it began, but council finally last Monday night passed a resolution endorsing the efforts of Brown to make improvements in the shopping center and locate a second department store within the Plaza. The vote was 4 to 1, with councilman Gil Weidenfeld opposing.

Councilman Tom White, who introduced the resolution, said he was voting for it "in spite of Brown's letter, not because of it." He saw economic advantages for Greenbelt from a second department store in terms of additional tax revenues and jobs and thought that such a store might forestall the development of the Schrom and Golden Triangle properties as shopping centers.

Brown's letter was obviously meant to congratulate the city on its new cooperative attitude, but somewhere along the line it got sidetracked, and in the words of Weidenfeld became "offensive" by cataloging a list of complaints against the city.

Brown's Complaints

The major complaint was that future development plans for Beltway Plaza had been delayed by the city's insistence on an overall master plan for the shopping center. Brown said that such an overall plan was not possible "because we don't know what the tenants would want." Most shopping centers, he said, start with three or four large department stores and then the smaller tenants have to fit in according to the master plan. "But our situation is different," he said. "We don't have tenants waiting in line to come into our shopping center. Therefore, we won't know what we are going to do until such time as the tenant comes along."

Another complaint of Brown's arose over the city prohibition (now rescinded) against city vehicles using the Beltway Plaza car wash because of delayed payment of Greenbelt property taxes. Brown wanted to know how the city expects the shopping center to pay taxes if it interferes with the revenue potentialities of its tenants. Finally, he noted that the city had opposed the installation of a lighted message sign designed to advertise the shopping center and bring in more revenue.

City's Complaints

Weidenfeld characterized the situation as one in which "the developer's policy in the past has been to abuse the city and now wants to use it." He had his own list of complaints against Brown. He referred to the delays in correcting the eroding clay hills and in repaving the parking lots, the lack of cooperation by the developer in presenting plans for improvements and additions to the shopping center, and the failure of the developer to relieve the community's anxieties about the shopping center.

Weidenfeld concluded that the resolution was not in the best interest of the city and feared that it would be used by the developer to secure sewer connections.

Councilman Charles Schwan was also concerned about the use of the resolution to pressure for sewer hookups, but finally reluctantly decided to vote for the resolution — "it was a 50.1 percent vote," he said.

Councilman Richard Castaldi voted for the resolution, saying that he did not see any commitment by the city in the resolution. Mayor Richard Pilski who also voted for the resolution, felt that the city has some obligation to taxpaying merchants who are suffering. Schwan took issue with this latter point, saying that the city owes the merchants honest and equitable service, but otherwise "we have no special obligations."

Garden Plots Approved

Council tentatively approved the use of certain city property for the establishment of garden plots, pending a review of the subject by the city's Park and Recreation Advisory Board. The land approved was the old landfill property and the area to the south of the Public Works Building at the Greenbelt Lake Park. The council noted that there are no current plans to use the affected land, but stipulated that the permission be limited to this year only.

City manager James K. Giese noted that the city has done extensive grading work at the landfill and has developed an area of approximately 300 ft. sq. that is relatively flat and gently sloped. The city has eventual plans for establishing ball fields on this land but the additional fill work needed is not expected to be completed during this year. Giese said that the Garden Club by establishing garden plots on the cleared area will be assisting the city in establishing ground cover for a barren area and will be adding fertilizers and organic materials to rather barren soil.

Topo on Parcel 7

The council authorized the employment of John D. Emler & Associates to do a topographic survey for parcel 7, at a cost not to exceed \$1,700, utilizing funds allocated for park development in the capital improvement fund. A suggestion that the topographic survey include the main area of the Lake Park was tabled since it was felt that such detailed information would not be needed for most of the suggested development proposals for the Lake Park area.

Youth Center Parking

After receiving complaints of unfair car ticketing at the Youth Center lot, council reiterated its approval of a policy of authorizing the recreation director to issue special parking permits for justified cases. Guidelines suggested for the recreation director included permits for handicapped or elderly persons and for persons serving concessions or involved in other activities that require delivery of supplies and goods.

Free Advice

Responding to a citizen complaint about a traffic violation, council had this advice for motorists who find themselves violating the law because of inoperative automobiles: Notify the Greenbelt Police Department immediately, before there is a chance for a ticket to be issued. Once a ticket is issued, it is up to the courts to adjudicate the matter.

Election Procedures

Council set up a working session for Monday, February 10, to consider a revision in election procedures. The previous council received recommendations from a special ad hoc advisory board in 1973, but never took action. A major revision being considered is the setting up of a Board of Elections that would relieve the city clerk of certain duties, appoint judges, conduct recounts, and hear appeals of election decisions.

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., Jan. 23, 8 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.
Fri., Jan. 24, 8 p.m. Duplicate Bridge, Youth Center
Tues., Jan. 28, 8 p.m. Garden Club Meeting, GHI Board Room, Hamilton Pl.
8 p.m. Special Meeting of Twin Pines Savings & Loan Assoc., City Council Chambers, Municipal Building.
Thurs., Jan. 30, 8:15 p.m. PRAB Monthly Meeting, Youth Center.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING GREENBELT CARES

YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU

Budget and Grant Application

City Offices - 8:45 P.M.

Monday, January 27, 1975

The City must file a grant application containing the proposed budget by February 4, 1975. The proposed budget is \$100,496, an increase of \$19,285 over the current year's budget. Federal and State Law Enforcement Assistant Act grants are estimated to be \$79,177 for the third and final grant year, thereby requiring the City to expend an estimated \$21,319 if the proposed budget is adopted. The City share of the budget for the current grant year is \$6,556.

Copies of the proposed budget are available at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Road.

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Logic or Abuse?

To the Editor:

The GHI Executive Committee has proposed Townhouse purchasers to sit on the Townhouse Investigating Committee. This appears logical and reasonable; if it's not, why not?

It is certainly true that Townhouse purchasers have to be consulted in order to carry out a complete and conscientious investigation; their testimony is important, but it doesn't settle any of the main questions in the context of the Investigating Committee's work. These questions concern the nature of a planning and construction authorization approved at an all-member meeting of GHI; they concern the manner in which the authorization was used and re-tailed, and whether special contract conditions on the result, also approved at all-member meetings of GHI, are afterwards merited. Since membership actions may only be judged and modified by additional membership action the questions require all-member consideration and should be treated from an all-member point of view. The report should not be weakened or discredited because of a few special-interest members sitting on the Committee.

I brought the questions to the GHI membership because successive Boards have tried to segregate and obscure the Townhouse problems, partly by fostering the fiction that Townhouse purchasers have some sort of representational autonomy. We don't. On the contrary, a 1970 opinion from the Board's counsel named the position of Townhouse purchasers in GHI to be that of a negligible quantity: we can safely be ignored. Divide and conquer.

I am trying to appeal what I think are basic abuses of GHI membership authorization and abuses of corporate authority. Appointing Townhouse purchasers to a Committee as if they represent a group or its members' needs uses them to abuse corporate authority further.

Gordon Allen

Last On Solar Heat?

To the Editor:

I have the feeling that some readers are getting bored with the solar heat discussions in this column, so I will make my comments brief and suggest that we resolve our differences elsewhere.

A system as described by Mr. Hogsensen is not what is being promoted by major companies or the NASA proposal, and would compare unfavorably from the standpoint of system efficiency and economy. In fact, if heat is allowed to escape from a storage tank to heat some area, then we would duplicate a major problem which now exists in our present steam-heat system which we are attempting to correct.

I would be happy to discuss the pros and cons of different systems with Mr. Hogsensen at some designated open session of the Engineering Committee.

Bill Nowick

Community Church Calls Taylors as Co-Pastors

by Miriam Cornelius

The Rev. Harry Taylor and the Rev. Sherry Mason Taylor have accepted a call to serve together as pastors of the Greenbelt Community Church beginning in May. Both Harry and Sherry, who were married in 1970, hold the degree of Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary in New York City. Sherry is a native of Baltimore, and has relatives still living there. Harry was born in Iowa and received his B.A. degree from the State University of Iowa. The Taylors come to Community Church from New York State where they are serving churches in the communities of Norwood and Winthrop.

The Taylors assisted Dr. Murry at a recent Sunday morning service at Greenbelt Community Church, with Harry at the guitar and Sherry in the pulpit. When they move to Greenbelt in the spring with their 2-year-old son Joshua, they will live in the parsonage — and turn the lights on there again.

Local Resident Presents Report on Weed Controls

Dr. James V. Parochetti of Greenbelt reported last week at the American Hotel in New York that excellent control of both early and late-germinating jimsonweed has been obtained in experimental plots with herbicides applied at two stages of soybean growth.

Dr. Parochetti is an associate professor of agronomy at the College Park campus and Extension weed control specialist for Maryland.

His presentation titled "Control of Jimsonweed and Three Broad-leaved Weeds in Soybeans," was selected by a panel of judges as the best among 124 technical papers presented or published during the twenty-ninth annual meeting of the Northeastern Weed Science Society.

Dr. Parochetti's research trials were conducted over a three-year period — ending in 1974 — on University-owned land at the Wye Institute in Maryland's Eastern Shore.

Francis White Elected Chairman of WSTC

Prince Georges County Councilman Francis W. White has been elected chairman for 1975 of the Washington Suburban Transit Commission, the transportation panel for Prince Georges and Montgomery counties. He has served as the panel's chairman and vice chairman previously.

The six-member transportation panel represents Prince Georges and Montgomery counties on metropolitan Washington transit matters, including the Metro subway system and Metrobus line.

First elected to the County Council in 1971, White was mayor of Greenbelt in 1961-63 and again in 1969-71. During the interim, he

Recreation Review

Roller Skating

There will be no skating, at Center Elementary School, on Fri., Jan. 24 or Sun., Jan. 26 due to maintenance work being done on the gym floor.

Holiday Hours

On Fri., Jan. 31, the Youth Center will open at 10 a.m. to accommodate vacationing school children.

Boys and Girls Club Equipment Turn-in

The Equipment Room will be open on Mondays and Thursdays from 7-10 p.m. to receive all outstanding uniforms. Please, check closets and dressers for forgotten uniforms.

Glaucoma Testing

Free Glaucoma Tests will be given to all citizens on Mon., Jan. 27, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center.

Ceramics Students - Past and Present

The Recreation department has shelves and shelves of bisqueware, old and new. If it is not claimed before Feb. 1 it will be given away or thrown out. Please come and pick up any pots that may have been left at the Youth Center.

Boys and Girls Club

by Fred Ford

Basketball Wins - Jan. 14 Bladensburg met with defeat 42-35 by the 15 Boys with high scorer Jeff Weiss 10 points. Mike Miedenski, Neal Schultz and Mike Kelly contributing 8 each; 17 Boys beat Landover Hills 52-36; 11 Girls squeaked past Cheverly 9-8; and Chris Dwyer scored 15 points in the 14 boys win over Berwyn Heights, 43-41. Jan. 16 the 11 Boys beat Bladensburg 25-21 with Pat Jackman making 10 points; Jeff Weiss scored 14 points in the first half and Mike Miedenski 12 overall in 15 Boys 45-27 win over East Pines; and Beltsville was loser in a close one 49-47 against Greenbelt's 17 Boys with Bob Mongelli accounting for 13 points and Mike Attick in only 2 minutes made 8.

Games Next Week - Friday, 6:30 p.m., Boys 12 vs South Bowie; Sat., 12 p.m., Girls 13B vs. Camp Springs #2; 1 p.m., Boys 11B vs. Lewisdale; Mon., 6 p.m. Boys 10 vs. South Bowie; Tues., 6 p.m., Girls 11 vs. District Hgts #2; 7 p.m., Boys 12 vs. Cheverly; 8 p.m., Boys 12B vs. Oxon Hill #2; and 9 p.m., Boys 15 vs. Landover Hills; Wed., 6 p.m., Boys 11 vs. East Pines; Thurs., 6 p.m., Boys 11 vs. Adelphi; 7 p.m., Boys 13B vs. Marlboro #2; and 8 p.m., Boys 14 vs. Bladensburg.

Christmas Tree Sales Report - The Boys and Girls Club netted \$544.21 from the tree sale. On Tuesday, Jan. 20, president Fred Ford presented a check for \$300.00 (\$100 from Cub Pack 202) to the Children's Hospital director. The winners of the two ten speed bikes were Mike Panos and Tom Caffery of Greenbelt. We wish to thank everyone who helped make this a success.

Boy and Girl of Year - On Jan. 17 at the Prince Georges Co. Boys Club Installation Dinner at Forestville Greenbelt's Boy and Girl of the Year along with a Distinguished Service Award Nominee were presented certificates. Bridget Osborne and Kevin Foster represented Greenbelt along with Eugene Sparks who served many years as Club treasurer. These individuals have contributed much to the purpose of the Club by their participation.

was a Greenbelt City Councilman for two years and mayor-pro tem.

Mishkan Torah

Friday night services at Mishkan Torah (beginning 8:30 p.m.) will be dedicated to Tu B'shvat, the "New Year's Day for Trees" and will include a discussion on "Politics among the Trees." At the Saturday morning services which begin at 9:30 the song of Miriam will be read from the book of Exodus and a discussion will follow about "Poetry in the Bible".

Sunday morning at 9:30 a free class will be held on elementary Hebrew words and phrases from the prayer service.

Community Service

Open House at Md. U

A free open house program designed to help those looking for practical work experience or training in new career fields will be held January 29 and 30 on the University of Maryland's College Park Campus.

More than 100 area organizations will be on hand at the University's Community Service Expo to discuss volunteer and internship opportunities.

"In view of current unemployment problems, many people may find this an excellent opportunity to pursue training in new areas," says Dr. Judy Sorum, director of the campus' Office of Community Service.

The Expo will run from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the Student Union Building. Visitors are requested to park at Prince Georges Plaza and take J-4, J-8, or R-2 bus direct to the Student Union.

News For Renters

The Prince Georges County Landlord - Tenant Commission, which several weeks ago recommended dropping rent controls, is now suggesting a 6 percent ceiling on increases, with tenants paying, in addition, for boosts in utility and tax costs, however high they may go.

At present, the county has two forms of control. One permits landlords to raise rents 6 percent. The other allows a 4 percent increase, plus passthrough of increasing fuel and tax costs. The State also has a rent ceiling of 5 percent with a provision that local jurisdictions can enact their own regulations.

The proposal has been forwarded to county executive Winfield M. Kelly, Jr.

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The Board of Directors, as a Committee of the Whole, is considering bylaw changes. Members wishing to submit proposed changes for consideration should get them to the Manager's office no later than February 6, 1975.

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CITY NOTES

The general crew was involved in several activities last week including salting the streets, cleaning all pedestrian underpasses and some sewer catch basins, straightening bent posts of the new tennis courts and uncovering the fuel tank at the old youth center building trying to locate a possible water leak into the tank.

The parks crew has been operating the chipper and removing dead trees from the golf course. The ducks at the lake are being fed during the cold weather. The crew is supervising the clearing of brush and trees from under the PEPCo lines through the Lake-Park area. The trees are being trimmed by a contractor for PEPCO.

Deborah Canright, Refuse Collector-Driver has resigned.

The Reynolds Aluminum Company picked up 141 lbs. of cans at 15 cents per lb. for a total of \$21.15.

The general crew graded the shoulders on Crescent Road from Lastner Lane to Parkway and installed an asphalt curbing along Hillside, near the Community Church, to prevent water from running across church property and onto the nursery school playground. Four men stayed on standby for three hours on Jan. 6 in the event of freezing, snow, rain or sleet.

A load of glass was taken to Baltimore last week amounting to 6550 lbs. and realizing \$65.50.

Barricade posts were installed in the right-of-way along Lakeside Drive to keep cars from driving onto a vacant lot. Several members of the general crew have been aiding the refuse crew in collecting the special pickups. The refuse foreman has been on leave. One member of the crew has been doing some shop work.

The special detail crew has been issuing fuel, picking up materials and supplies and installing new signs. Some work was done to the heating plant at the youth center building.

The park crew has been spending most of their time chipping Christmas trees. The trees ran somewhat lighter than in past years except for Springhill Lake. The mulch has been used in playgrounds and around various azaleas.

The refuse crew has been on the regular schedule this week without problems.

Word was received that the new special pickup truck will be delivered next week.

Garden Club Meets

The Garden Club will meet on Tues., Jan. 28 at 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt Homes Board Room on Hamilton Place.

City Park Superintendent Dennis Doornekamp will be the guest speaker. His talk on "Gardening in the Spring" will be accompanied by a slide presentation. Greenbelters who enjoy gardening will find the meeting well worth attending.

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Greenbelt CARES Provides Services

A Job Bank sponsored by Greenbelt CARES Youth Services Bureau has provided part-time employment during the past three months for 95 local youth. The Job Bank is a listing of youth available to local citizens to perform odd jobs such as painting, housecleaning, home improvements, yard work, running of errands and babysitting. Seven full-time jobs have been obtained for youth no longer involved in the school system.

A Job Corporation, which creates work projects for youth, has also been providing work for 28 participants. Such projects as selling of UNICEF cards, typing and mimeographing letters for local citizens and bicycle repairs are a few of the projects the youth have been involved in.

Another service offered by the Youth Services Bureau is a Clothing Exchange which is open each Monday from 7-9 p.m. in the Youth Services Bureau office at 133 Centerway (next to the Theater). All residents are invited to exchange an outgrown or unused article of clothing for an article of clothing from our exchange rack.

Tutoring services are available in the office every Thursday from 7-9 p.m. in most subjects including languages. All grade levels can be served.

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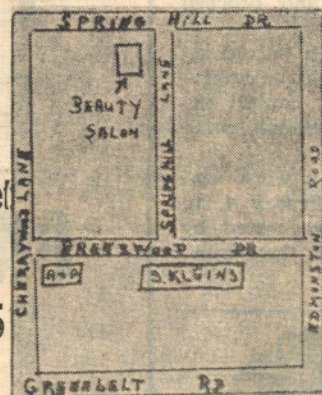
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Council Ponders Costly Public Transit System

by Roberta McNamara

In an attempt to plan a more viable public transportation system for Greenbelt, city council members (Thomas White, Richard Castaldi, and Gil Wiedenfeld) met on Jan. 16 with Shelley Kinbar from Metro and Dr. Russell Lewis and Jim Gale from Wilbur Smith and Associates, consultant firm. In a preliminary report submitted last November the consultant firm had suggested 3 alternative city-operated systems:

1. a fixed route bus system that would circle the city, with estimated capital costs (outlay for buses, etc.) of \$252,115 and yearly operational costs of \$152,835.

2. a demand bus service (dial-a-ride) costing \$263,395 in capital costs and \$167,835 in operating costs.

3. a combined route and demand service costing \$267,795 in capital costs, and \$165,287 in operating costs.

All three plans would run at a deficit. However, the report indicated that a city-operated system would provide better internal service than improved WMATA service.

The financing of the system would be through grants both federal and state: with the city paying 5% of the capital costs — an outlay of \$12,500. At present neither the federal nor state government give grants for operating costs. The city would then have to finance the operating costs alone. It is estimated that fares would cover only 20% of the cost.

At present bus service within the city is limited to a downtown route provided by WMATA along Kenilworth Avenue via Springhill Lake and Beltway Plaza with a 20 minute frequency at rush hour but a 2 hour frequency at midday. Cross country service going west is provided by the J buses via the University of Md. either to Wheaton or Montgomery Mall. Eastern service is provided by the T buses that travel on Greenbelt Road, then go thru Lanham to Capital Plaza. Both routes' terminal is Beltway Plaza.

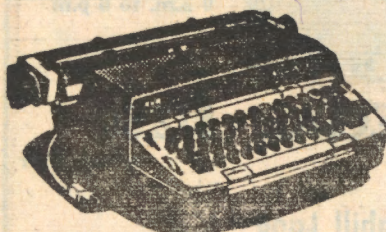
According to a survey circulated in April to 6,500 city residences (only 7% response), the majority felt a need for more internal service rather than external or commuting service. It was mentioned that with the proposed increased gasoline costs, the picture might alter.

Council in general was highly concerned with the costs, particularly deficit operating costs. Wiedenfeld asked if it would be possible for the city to contract with Metro for internal midday service instead of using any of the 3 plans. Kinbar from Metro felt it was feasible explaining that most of the operating cost would be for the driver. This arrangement would keep the city out of the bus repair business.

Castaldi wanted a pilot program using leased buses before the city commits itself to any system to determine the economic feasibility. Dr. Lewis advised that in order for the program to succeed, the city would have to market it. He suggested that the city take an identifiable group and satisfy their transportation needs and proceed from there.

Also discussed was a subsidized taxi service which could be implemented with the least capital expenditure, but operational costs would be higher.

Council has set up a work session for Tuesday, February 4, to formulate comments requested by the consultants before they complete the report.



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WHY GARDEN?

by William Hoff

Why, people sometimes ask me, do you grow your own food? Why go to all the trouble of tilling, planting and weeding a piece of ground for vegetables? Well, I answer such questions with a few of my own. When was the last time you sat down to a steaming plate of fresh asparagus — the tender just ripe tips, not the stringy kind you get at the supermarket? When was the last time you found sweet corn picked fresh enough to be really sweet? The answer, of course, is "I miss the incomparable taste of truly fresh vegetables."

If you grow your own, you get freshness and you may save some money. But, then again, you may not. On the face of it you can beat store prices everytime, but when you stop to add up the cost of fertilizers, peat moss, mulch, pesticides, garden tools, and other odds and ends (not even counting your own labor), you will be lucky to break even. No matter. You will enjoy several things money cannot buy, including the satisfaction of growing precisely what you want and eating it at its prime. You can experience at first hand the age-old miracle of tiny seeds becoming bountifully producing plants. And, too, a little spading, hoeing and weed pulling never hurt anyone's waistline. It's hard work but fun and good for your health — work and play in the summer sun instead of sleeping in the shade.

(Next week some suggestions for getting started.)

Orchestra Auditions

Mid-season auditions are now being held for elementary and secondary school boys and girls who would like to play in one of the seven youth orchestras coordinated through the school system in Prince Georges County. The orchestras are open to all students attending public schools in the county.

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GHI Fuel Consumption Down

An encouraging fuel consumption report for 1974 was received by the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board of directors last week. As the following tabulation shows, the brick homes used 41,955 fewer gallons in 1974 than in 1973 and the frame homes 96,519 fewer gallons.

	Gallons used	1973	1974	Savings
Brick homes (#2 oil)		698,802	656,847	41,955
Frame homes		1,340,709	1,244,190	96,519
#2 oil		424,257	417,561	6,696
#4 oil		916,452	826,629	89,823

Part of this savings was due to the milder 1974 winter. When the figures are adjusted for degree days, the gallons savings per degree day comes to 4.4 percent for the brick and 5.6 percent for the frames. However, as GHI manager Roy Breashears pointed out, in those frame homes that burn #2 oil and where nothing has been done to modify the plants this year, the consumption in 1974, adjusted for degree days, was approximately the same as that of last year. The biggest savings in the frame homes has been in the four large plants where #4 oil is burned and where plant modifications took place. The savings here, adjusted for degree days, was 8.3 percent.

Another encouraging fuel report dealt with the consumption of fuel in the 12 Ridge court since the conversion of the steam plant to variable control hot water. From the beginning of the heating season through December, there has been a 28.8 percent savings in fuel consumption over 1973, after adjusting for degree days.

Greenbelt's Library

For children. Two programs for pre-schoolers are offered by the library. Creative Rhythms (age 3 min.) will be given Tuesdays 2-2:30 p.m. and Story Hour (ages 3-4) will be given Thursdays 10:30-11 a.m. Register your child for these programs by calling 345-5800 between Jan. 25-30.

The library also offers "Drop In Stories" as entertainment for ages 3-5 on Thursdays, 2-2:30 p.m., in the Children's Program Room.

Other activities: For monster fans, the Library will be showing "Frankenstein" on Wed., Jan. 29, at 7:30 p.m.

Erica Jong's Fear of Flying will be the subject of a book discussion on Tues., Jan. 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

The following exhibits by native Greenbelters are currently at the Library: Maryland fossils by Betty Allen and Vernon Mayer; paintings by Lanny LaForte; crafts by children. Also on exhibit is a display of arms and armor photographs by the Midgard Medieval Mercenary Militia.



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